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WHAT WE
ESCAPED.

According to former President
Roosevelt, were he in the White
House, the United States would be
one of the belligerents in the present
gigantic conflict. The passage of Ger-
man troops through Belgium over a
year ago would, according to his
opinion have been a casus belli.

It is believed by many thoughtful
people that Providence still rules this
world with a merciful hand and that
leaders of men appear at opportune
times, while those who would act
mischievously at critical times are
delegated to the rear to make room
for others with more level heads. The
popular vote of 1912 showed that the
United States did not want Theodore
Roosevelt to fill the Presidential
chair again, while a large majority
did want Woodrow Wilson as the
chief executive. The latter became
President at an opportune time, and
his diplomacy has made his country a
"lookon" during the great war, main-
taining its dignity in the meantime.

Since the German Army entered
Belgian territory last year Mr. Roose-
velt has been contending in season
and out of season that it was the
duty of the United States to declare
war upon Germany for its violation
of Belgian neutrality, which, he says,
was guaranteed by the Hague Con-
vention. The United States was a
party to that convention, he contended,
and failure to enforce it was repudiation
of a contract and a shameful
surrender.

The New York Sun, has repeatedly
called upon Mr. Roosevelt to point
out the particular section of article
of the convention which justifies or
warrants his denunciation of Presi-
dent Wilson for not precipitating war
upon Germany. Mr. Roosevelt has
never complied with this most rea-
sonable request.

Another gentleman, however, Mr.
Maurice Leon, writes to the Sun and
endeavors to point out the justifica-
tion of Mr. Roosevelt's campaign
against the President. But Mr. Leon
admits that another clause of the con-
vention provides that the cause cited
by him which guarantees the neutral-
ity of Belgium, is not binding un-
less all the belligerents are parties to
the convention, Serbia is not a party
to the convention and Serbia is a
belligerent. Mr. Leon also overlooks
a clause in the convention to which
the Sun calls attention and which
nullifies completely the contentions
both of Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Leon.
It is this: When the United States
entered into the negotiations with
the powers and signed The Hague
Convention, it was with the express
understanding, reservation and noti-
fication that "nothing contained in
this convention shall be construed as
to require the United States to de-
part from its traditional policy of
not intruding upon interfering with
or entangling itself in the political
questions of policy or internal ad-
ministration of any foreign state."
Belgium was a buffer state between
England and Germany. England is
vitaly interested in preventing the
annexation of Belgium to Germany,
and German is still more interested in
preventing its annexation to England.
But the United States has no prac-
tical interest in the affair beyond a
sentimental sympathy.

And so the Sun concludes that in
the case of Belgium President Wilson
has omitted no action required of our
Government by an engagement un-
dertaken at The Hague.

DEATH OF REV.

H. J. CUTLER.
Rev. Henry J. Cutler, who during
more than twenty years has been pas-
tor of St. Mary's Catholic Church
in this city, died at the parsonage
on Duke street, between Fairfax and
Royal, early last night. Between eight
and nine o'clock the bell in the
church began to toll announcing the
passing away of the under shepherd
who had so long.

congregation of St. Mary's Church,
rejoicing with those who rejoiced and
weeping with those who wept.

Rev. Father Cutler was personal-
ly acquainted with the bulk of the
people of this city, after having
moved among them all these years,
and his familiar figure will be miss-
ed by many not members of the
flock over which he presided. Easy
of approach, inviting acquaintance-
ship, he made friends of all he met,
and his death is greatly regretted.

The deceased had not enjoyed good
health for a long time. Many year-
ago he was compelled to lay aside
his active duties and take an extend-
ed vacation. He at that time went
to Ireland, the land of his birth, and
came back physically improved. It
was, however, but a temporary re-
cuperation, and the arduous duties
necessary to the oversight of a large
and growing congregation soon
brought a return of his troubles. But
he kept going, until recently when it
was observed with sorrow that the
sands of his life were nearly spent.

It can be truly said that he was
"faithful even unto death," the best
of all encomiums.

BEWARE OF THE
IDES OF NOVEMBER.

According to Berlin enthusiasts,
German military experts declare the
victory won by the Kaiser's armies
in the eastern theatre the greatest
ever recorded in the annals of war-
fare, surpassing even those of Napo-
leon.

The Russians allowed Napoleon
Bonaparte to lead half a million men
into Moscow, the center of the
Muscovite kingdom. "General Frost"
made an earlier visit than usual that
year. The burning of the Russian
capital was synchronous with his ad-
vent, and the experience of the
French with snow and keen blasts
from the Arctic are known to most
readers. Comparatively few ever re-
turned to the balmy country which
they left in such exuberant spirits.

The Kaiser and his generals are
well acquainted with this sad story
and they doubtless have no idea that
what happened to Napoleon might
happen to them.

The Germans have no doubt made
phenomenal advances in southern
Russia, but it is believed that their
real object has proven a gigantic
failure. By this titanic drive they
had hoped to force Russia to ask for
a separate peace. There is no indi-
cation that their hopes are to be
realized. In the meantime they are
far from home and paying a fright-
ful cost for their temerity.

The people of Moscow in a public
gathering yesterday hooted at sug-
gestions of peace, and resolved to
fight to a finish.

ANNIVERSARY
OF EARTHQUAKE.
The most severe shocks of earth-
quake ever felt in Alexandria oc-
curred twenty-nine years ago tonight.
While no damage resulted here the
city of Charleston, S. C., suffered
great loss. The seismic disturbances
extended over a large area of the
United States and caused great excite-
ment, in some places terror.

The weather had been seasonable
on Thursday, the last day of August,
1886. About nine o'clock there was
an unheralded fall of the temperature.
No breeze was prevailing at the time,
but the air suddenly produced the sen-
sation experienced in entering a cellar
or tunnel during the summer season.
This was followed by a rumbling
sound as of a train of cars running
through a tunnel. Before this had
died away the tremors began, continu-
ing about thirty seconds. Chandeliers
shook and rattled and pictures on
walls swayed to and fro. Some per-
sons, realizing that an earthquake
was in progress, left their houses and
went into the streets. There was no
excitement, however, but there were
anxious faces here and there. Anoth-
er shock followed later, but this was
not as severe as the first.

The disturbances brought forth
speculations from scientific men.
Some suggested that the Atlantic sea-
board from New York to South Caro-
lina rested upon they termed a
"bench," and that more severe distur-
bances were likely to occur at any
time with far more disastrous results
to cities in the danger zone.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Several transports carrying Ital-
ian troops have reached the Turkish
coast and several regiments have ef-
fected a landing near Gallipoli.

Paul Armstrong, noted playwright,
died of heart disease last night at his
home in New York. Paul Armstrong
was 46 years old and was born in Kid-
der, Mo.

In the coast region on Friday the
Russians completely broke the Turk-
ish offensive. The enemy retired with
heavy losses. A Russian motorboat
sank a number of Turkish sailors.

Daniel Joseph Carroll, former chief
clerk of the Weather Bureau, was
found dead in a reclining posture on
a couch at his home in Washington.
last night. Mr. Carroll was 53 years
old.

While engaged in boat practice an
officer and sixteen boys of the training
ship Cornwall were drowned in the
Thames near London yesterday when
their boat collided with a tug and sank.

A representative gathering of the
leading citizens of Moscow has adopt-
ed a resolution declaring that the war
must continue at whatever cost to a
victorious end, and that all sugges-
tions of peace must be rejected.

Secretary Tumulty, characterizes
as absolute rot several newspaper
stories that there has been a break
between President Wilson and Colonel
E. M. House, of Texas, the most in-
timate personal friend Mr. Wilson
has had.

Mrs. George Snell, 62, who had
been missing eight hours, was found
yesterday mired in a swamp near
Roselle, N. J. A posse of searchers
came upon her just in time to save
her life. In crossing the marsh she
struck a quicksand and was drawn in
until helpless, unable even to cry out
for help.

Stabbed in the stomach, Albert E.
Gill, a plumber of Washington, lies
at Emergency Hospital in a serious
condition. He was attacked by three
white men at Four-and-a-half and L
street southwest shortly after 10
o'clock last night. It is believed the
 motive of the attack was robbery.

George M. Getschow, secretary of
Phillips Getschow & Co., is quoted in
the Chicago Daily News, as stating
that he is a stockholder in a firm
which is making 100,000 6-inch shells
for the United States army, and that
the German government, like the al-
lies, is purchasing munitions of war in
the American market.

Severe damage was inflicted Sunday
night by French artillery upon Ger-
man trenches in the Argonne. The
chief operations centered about Court
es Chaussees, Meurissons and Bolante.
While the artillery was shelling the
German trenches, French sappers also
operated successfully with mines,
while the infantry hurled bombs and
grenades from its positions into the
enemy's pits.

Ernest Weiss, 22 died yesterday as
the result of injuries received in a
collision in a Sunday baseball game in
Peoria, Ill. Weiss was catcher for an
independent team and was knocked
over when a base runner slid into the
plate. He finished the inning, retired
from the game, but remained on the
field. He was found unconscious un-
der the bleacher after the players
had left the park.

Great Britain has given assurances
to the United States that a large
quantity of goods of German and
Austrian manufacturers contracted
for by American importers prior to
March 2, when the British orders-in-
council became effective, soon will be
released for shipment to this country.
Most of these goods, said to be val-
ued at several million dollars, and
made up of chemicals, pharmaceuticals,
articles and Christmas toys, lie on the
docks at Rotterdam.

Terrific storms are raging in West-
ern Russia. Rain has swollen the riv-
ers until they are out of their banks
and the marshes along the Pripiet River
and tributaries of the Dnieper and
Bug are becoming impassable mor-
asses. The German troops will be
greatly handicapped in their advance
by the heavy rains, which are the
beginning of the fall storms. It is be-
lieved that the Austro-German armies
will have to abandon their attempts
to get artillery across the marshes,
and that for several weeks the cam-
paign will be waged with cavalry for-
ces. This will be to the advantage of
the Russian, the Cossacks having
proved their superiority over the Ger-
mans in every engagement which has
occurred.

VIRGINIA NEWS

Newport News is a winner in the
matter of making an increase in the
real estate assessments for the year
1915. The comparison with last year
shows that values have jumped \$823,-
270, that being the increase in the
lands for five years and the increase
in the improvements for the last year.

The bodies of two negroes, James
Green, of South Carolina and one
unknown were brought to Petersburg
Sunday. Both men were killed at
Hopewell while attempting to hold up
and rob another negro. A coroner's
jury acquitted the negro who did the
shooting on the grounds of self-de-
fense.

Coming East to be company for an
invalid mother, Miss Marguerite I.
Stewart, a wealthy young heiress of
Pasadena, Cal., eloped with and was
married to Blair Dillard a son of W.
B. Dillard, a druggist of Salem, Roan-
oke county. The wedding took place
here a week ago, following the elope-
ment of the couple from Christians-
burg in an automobile. The bride is
said to be heiress to millions. Her
father, now dead, was a naval officer.

The League of Virginia Municipal-
ities will meet in Fredericksburg Oc-
tober 12 and 13. Ernest S. Bradford,
of Neenah, Wis., an authority on the
commission form of government and
Harold S. Butterheim, editor of the
magazine, The American City, and
Edward James Cattell, city statisti-
cian of Philadelphia, are among the
speakers. R. Stuart Royer, city
manager of Fredericksburg, is presi-
dent of the league.

Late Saturday night while return-
ing from Petersburg to Hopewell, a
jitney carrying twelve Du Pont em-
ployees was held up by a gang of
armed highwaymen, said to have been
composed of both negroes and whites.
Each man had a pistol, and some of
them two. Under threats of death the
unarmed men in the jitney were fore-
ced to throw up their hands and sub-
mit to being robbed. The highway-
men, it is said secured over \$300
from their victims, and then escaped
in the darkness.

Tidewater labor is solid for James
B. Doherty for reappointment as
Commissioner of Labor, according to
J. B. Clinedinst, of the office of the
state Labor Bureau. Hampton Union
have joined those of Newport News
Norfolk and Portsmouth in endorsing
Doherty. "In addition to the unions
of that section," said Mr. Clinedinst
yesterday, "we have most of those of
Roanoke, and expect to get all, to
the number of about forty. Bristol
is for Doherty, and other cities are
falling in line."

On Saturday Dr. Jones and Presi-
dent Jackson of the recent negro In-
dustrial and Historical Exposition at
Richmond informed State Accountant
Richmond, who handled the appropriation
made by the Federal Government, that
the officers had gotten together, that
all the accounts had been satisfactory
explained and that there was no dis-
pute or contention. The organization
has a balance of \$16,000 from the
funds and income of the exposition
and it was announced that this will
be the nucleus for the establishment
of a negro industrial and training school
near Fort Lee along the lines, but of
a larger scale than at present at Tus-
kegee.

Frank Smith who calls himself a
political economist, is a candidate
for Governor of Virginia. The Rich-
mond Times-Dispatch says of him
"With Jeffersonian Democracy as his
platform, with his coupous, waving
tresses of gray-brown hair falling
over his coat collar; bearded like a
"pard" from the cattle ranges of the
great and bounding west; full panop-
lied as to a consciousness of rec-
titude, and moving in a gale of
campaign oratory, the dynamic old
gentleman of sixty-five or there-
abouts invaded the Capitol Building
yesterday afternoon, proclaiming his
candidacy for the Governorship of
Virginia. His platform is Jeffersonian
Democracy and he says single tax
on land. The salvation of the Com-
monwealth depends upon the election
of a Governor next year who is a full
size man, physically, mentally and
morally and Smith claims he is much
a man by the grace of God."

Following an argument in a saloon
in M street, Georgetown, yesterday
evening, Thomas Wrenn was struck
on the jaw. The blow felled him, his
head striking an iron post in front
of the saloon. Wrenn was removed
to Georgetown Hospital and at 2
o'clock this morning he was uncon-
scious. He is in a serious condition,
having suffered a fracture of the skull.
Thomas Brennan is the assailant.

Crabs in all styles at the Hotel
Rammel.

KAISER INCITING ARABS.

Paris, Aug. 31.—A French torpedo
boat has captured a sailing vessel
near Tripoli which was flying the
Greek flag. Aboard were a few Turks
and \$20,000 in twenty mark coins, a
number of rifles, Oriental gifts and
a casket containing the following let-
ter in Arabic from the Kaiser to the
chief of the warlike Senousi tribe.

"Praise to the most high God! Em-
peror William's son of Charlesmag-
ne, Allah's envoy and Islam's protec-
tor of the illustrious chief of Senousi:
"We pray God to lead our armies
to victory. Our will is that thy val-
orous warriors shall expel the infidels
from the territory belonging to the
true believers and their commanders.
To this we sent these arms and money
and the tried chiefs of our common
enemies, whom Allah annihilate to the
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Marion Baden.
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stating specifically the last known
place of abode of the defendant, and
that the defendant is not a resident
of the State of Virginia, the court
doth grant the following order of
publication.

The object of this suit is to obtain
a decree for an absolute divorce for
the complainant, Frances E. Baden,
from the defendant, Marion Baden, on
the ground of wilful desertion and
abandonment without cause or ex-
cuse, for more than three years prior
to the institution of this suit; an
affidavit having been filed that the
defendant, Marion Baden, is not a
resident of the State of Virginia; it is

Ordered, that he do appear in the
Clerk's Office of the said court with-
in fifteen days after due publication
of this order and do what is neces-
sary to protect his interest in this
suit; that a copy of this order of
publication be inserted once a week
for four successive weeks, in the
Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper
published in the city of Alexandria,
Virginia; that a copy be posted at
the front door of the court house
of the said city, on or before the next
succeeding rule day after this order
is entered, and that a copy of this
order of publication shall be mailed
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resident defendant, at No. 463 Eye
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